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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DOT/TRB GROUP, WEEK OF APRIL 20-26

1. BACKGROUND: OECD IS SPONSORING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS APRIL 14-16 CALLED "BETTER TOWNS WITH LESS TRAFFIC." CONFERENCE WILL EXAMINE CASE STUDIES OF INNOVATIVE LOW-COST SCHEMES DESIGNED REDUCE URBAN MOTOR VEHICLE USE. U.S. WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FEDERAL (DOT, HUD, EPA) AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS. MOST LOCAL OFFICIALS ATTENDING CONFERENCE ARE PART OF TASK FORCE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY DOT AND TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD (TRB). TASK FORCE IS COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF SENIOR CITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS WITH STRONG INTEREST IN ENERGY-CONSERVING LOW-COST TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES TO REDUCE URBAN VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL (VMT). DURING WEEK OF APRIL 20-26 THIS TASK FORCE WILL DIVIDE INTO THREE GROUPS, EACH OF WHICH WILL VISIT SEVERAL EUROPEAN CITIES HAVING ADVANCED, INNOVATIVE SCHEMES, INCLUDING SOME CITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT OF OECD CONFERENCE CASE STUDIES.

2. IT IS PLANNED THAT ONE GROUP (DESIGNATED AS SWEDED GROUP)

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WILL VISIT STOCKHOLM, UPPSALA AND GOTHENBERG. (UPPSALA IS OECD

CONFERENCE CASE STUDY DITY). COMPOSITION GROUP FOLLOWS:

MR. ROBERT AEX, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROCHESTER-GENESEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, NEW YORK STATE; MS. FRANKIE BANNERJEE, SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, LOS ANGELES, CAL.; MR. GEORGE WICKSTROM, DIRECTOR, TECHNICAL SERVICES, METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

3. ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR AREAS DESCRIBED PARA (1) AND APPROPRIATE SITE VISITS AS SUGGESTED BY THEM. WICKSTROM WILL ARRIVE EVENING APRIL 18 (REQUEST MODERATELY PRICED SINGLE NIGHTS 18 THROUGH 22). AEX AND BANNERJEE WILL ARRIVE APRIL 19 (REQUEST MODERATELY PRICED SINGLES NIGHTS 19 THROUGH 22). GROUP WILL HAVE APRIL 21-22 AVAILABLE DEVOTE TO SOTCKHOLM. SUGGEST ASKING SVEN LUNDBERG, PLANNING DIRECTOR, STOCKHOLMS STADSBYGGNADSKONTOR (WHO IS KNOWN TO WICKSTROM) FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING STOCKHOLM VISIT. ON APRIL 23 GROUP PLANS VISIT TO UPPSALA BY RENTAL CAR. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO RESERVE RENTAL CAR. IN ARRANGING MEETING IN UPPSALA SUGGEST EMBASSY CONTACT BO KOHLMARK, NATIONAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION, WHO IS SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE ON STEERING GROUP FOR OECD CONFERENCE, AND IS FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT MATTER. GROUP WILL DEPART APRIL 23 FOR GOTHENBERG AT 1830 VIA SAS 135, DROPPING CAR OFF AT AIRPORT. CAR RESERVATION ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR AIRPORT DROPOFF IF POSSIBLE. REQUEST THREE SINGLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS GOTHERBERG NIGHTS APRIL 23 THROUGH 25. IN ARRANGING GOTHENBERG VISIT SUGGEST CONTACTING OLAF GUNNARSON AT CHALMERS, WHO IS KNOWN TO WICKSTROM. GROUP WILL DEPART GOTHERBERG FOR USA (VIA LONDON) ON APRIL 26 AT 0855 ON SAS 521.

4. MESSAGES CONCERNING THIS PROGRAM TRANSMITTED AFTER APRIL 8 SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO AMEMBASSY PARIS SLUGGED FOR DE TERRA (DOT).

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